

HOUSE BILL 1819

By Rowland

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40,
Chapter 39, Part 2, relative to sexual offenders
and violent sexual offenders.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-39-206, is amended by adding
the following new subsection:

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(1) If a sexual offender or violent sexual offender establishes a primary or
secondary residence within this state, establishes a physical presence at a particular
location, becomes employed or practices a vocation in this state, becomes a student in
this state or otherwise has sufficient contact with this state to require reporting with the
offender's registering agency, the TBI shall notify or cause to be notified the
neighborhood surrounding the offender of the offender's presence as provided in this
subsection.

(2) Within forty-eight (48) hours of a sexual offender or violent sexual offender
notifying the offender's registering agency of the address at which the offender will
establish a primary or secondary residence or a physical presence, the TBI shall notify
all households within one thousand feet (1,000') of that address and inform the residents
of each household that a sexual offender or violent sexual offender will be residing at the
address given by the offender.

(3) To accomplish this notification, the TBI may utilize or contract with a
company to utilize a reverse 911 calling system whereby, upon the request of the TBI, a
telephone call is made to specified residences informing the residence of the presence

of the sexual or violent sexual offender. It shall be within the discretion of the TBI to determine what information set out in subsection (e) is included in the notification call.

SECTION 2. For purposes of implementing the provisions of this act and establishing the reverse 911 calling system, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, including public notification, this act shall take effect on October 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.